

Sponsorship Package

DARE
INNOVATION AWARDS
PRESENTED BY **Bell**MTS

Show your support for Manitoba's top innovators and position your brand at the heart of the province's innovation ecosystem.



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ABOUT THE

DARE Innovation Awards

The **DARE Innovation Awards presented by Bell MTS** are the first of their kind in Manitoba, celebrating the province's boldest Dreamers, Achievers, Risk-takers, and Entrepreneurs. With nine distinct award categories, the gala recognizes innovators across industries who are reshaping the future through creativity, technology, and leadership.

The awards are proudly hosted by **North Forge**, in collaboration with **Tech Manitoba**, as part of Manitoba Tech Week.

Event Details

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026
- **Location:** Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, Winnipeg
- **Format:** Awards gala and celebration featuring a plated dinner service
- **Capacity:** 400 guests
- **Tickets:** Individual tickets available at \$275 each
- **Audience:** A cross-section of innovators, industry leaders, business executives, government representatives, researchers, funders, creatives, and community supporters
- **Program:** VIP reception, awards ceremony, dinner, and an evening dedicated to spotlighting Manitoba's innovation ecosystem

The numbers



596

Startups supported
through North
Forge's Founders
Program



25K

North Forge
social media
audience



400

High-value award
attendees



9

DARE Innovation
Award Categories



109K

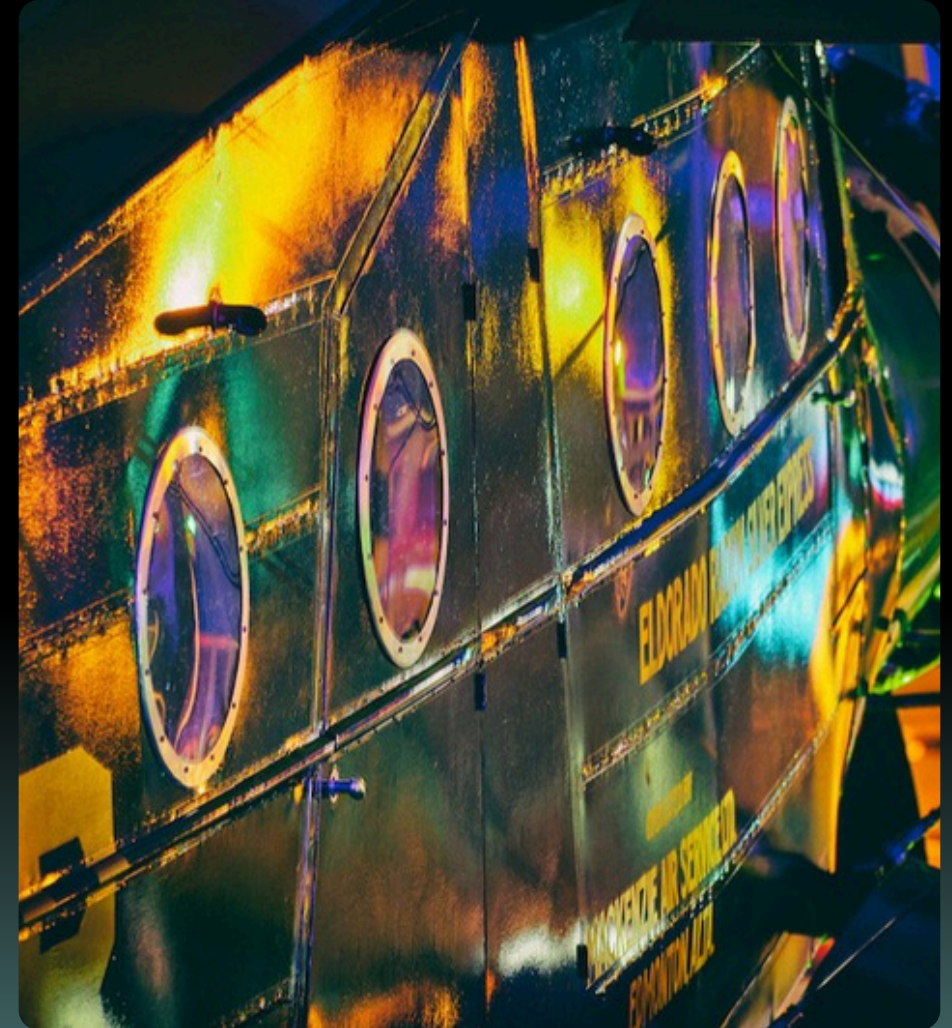
Annual unique users to
the North Forge
website

WHY DARE?

Sponsor with the Future of Innovation

Sponsorship connects your brand with Manitoba's most influential network of leaders and decision-makers. As a sponsor, your organization will:

- Gain exclusive brand visibility in front of innovators, entrepreneurs, executives, and policymakers shaping Manitoba's future.
- Build strategic connections with industry leaders, business communities, and government stakeholders.
- Demonstrate your organization's commitment to driving innovation, economic growth, and community impact.
- Be featured across digital, print, and media campaigns leading up to and during the gala, reaching audiences far beyond the room.



DARE INNOVATION AWARDS

Sponsorship Opportunities

	AWARD CATEGORY SPONSOR	GOLD SPONSOR	SILVER SPONSOR	BRONZE SPONSOR	FRIEND OF INNOVATION
Investment	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000
Availability	9 available	5 available	7 available	7 available	10 available
Gala tickets	10	8	6	4	2
VIP Reception tickets	10	8	6	4	2
Exclusive presenting rights for one award category	✓				
On-stage presentation of the award	✓				
Logo on physical award	✓				
Featured mention in media	✓	✓			
Verbal recognition during event	✓	✓	✓		
Logo in print & digital materials	✓	✓	✓	✓	Name only
Logo and link on DARE Innovation and North Forge website	✓	✓	✓	✓	Name only
Social Media feature	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Award Category Sponsor

(9 AVAILABLE)

INVESTMENT

\$10,000

VIP RECEPTION TICKETS

10

DARE INNOVATION AWARD TICKETS

10

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- Exclusive presenting rights for one award category
- Logo featured on the physical award presented to the winner
- Logo placement in all print and digital event materials
- On-stage presentation of the sponsored award by your representative
- Featured mention in media coverage
- Verbal recognition during the event program
- Dedicated social media feature across DARE channels

CATEGORIES AVAILABLE

- [BioSpark Award](#)
- [Ecosystem Builder in Innovation Award](#)
- [Emerging Innovator Award](#)
- [Indigenous Innovation Award](#)
- [Innovation in Industry Award](#)
- [Legacy Innovator Award](#)
- [Lights, Camera, Innovation Award](#)
- [Research to Reality Award](#)
- [Tech for Good](#)

Gold Sponsor

(5 AVAILABLE)

VIP RECEPTION TICKETS

8

INVESTMENT

\$7,500

DARE INNOVATION AWARD TICKETS

8

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- Logo placement in print and digital event materials
- Featured mention in media coverage
- Verbal recognition during the event program
- Dedicated social media feature across DARE channels

Silver Sponsor

(7 AVAILABLE)

VIP RECEPTION TICKETS

6

INVESTMENT

\$5,000

DARE INNOVATION AWARD TICKETS

6

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- Logo placement in print and digital event materials
- Verbal recognition during the event program
- Dedicated social media feature across DARE channels

Bronze Sponsor

(7 AVAILABLE)

VIP RECEPTION TICKETS

4

INVESTMENT

\$2,500

DARE INNOVATION AWARD TICKETS

4

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- Logo placement in print and digital event materials
- Dedicated social media feature across DARE channels

Friend of Innovation

(10 AVAILABLE)

VIP RECEPTION TICKETS

2

INVESTMENT

\$1,000

DARE INNOVATION AWARD TICKETS

2

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- Logo placement in print and digital event materials
- Verbal recognition during the event program
- Dedicated social media feature across DARE channels

Ready to DARE?

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